Schaumburg, IL - Illinois transportation officials recently awarded bids on two construction projects in the 8th Congressional District. These resurfacing projects are funded entirely through money provided in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which Congresswoman Melissa Bean and her colleagues passed earlier this year. Bids for both projects came in below estimates.

Illinois Route 173 (Kenosha Street) Resurfacing Richmond Estimated Cost: \$2.3 million

Winning Bid: \$1.9 million

Illinois Route 176 (Crystal Lake Road) Resurfacing Prairie Grove

Estimated Cost: \$1.6 million Winning Bid: \$1.3 million

"As promised, the Recovery Act is creating jobs now, while investing in the infrastructure critical to our long-term growth," Congresswoman Bean said. "This is just one facet of a broad-based initiative to tackle both our short-term and long-term economic challenges."

The Illinois Department of Transportation has already authorized 219 projects through the Recovery Act, worth \$607 million. Officials plan to put another 58 Recovery Act projects out to bid tomorrow.